

**Diplomatic Corps Reception in Honour of His Majesty**

On Wednesday, August 27, 2014, a reception was held in honour of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. The event was organized by the resident Heads of Diplomatic Missions accredited to Brunei Darussalam and was held at the Royal Berkshire Hall, Jerudong Polo and Country Club.

Through the reception, the Diplomatic Corps joined in the celebration of His Majesty's 68<sup>th</sup> birthday.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, attended the reception accompanied by:

Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Mahrum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam.

Welcoming Their Majesties were a group of High Commissioners, Ambassadors and their spouses, led by the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, His Excellency Victor A. Seleznev, the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Brunei Darussalam

Following the arrival of Their Majesties at the Royal Berkshire Hall, Their Majesties consented to participate in a group photograph with the Heads of Diplomatic Missions and their spouses.

The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps made brief welcoming remarks, offered thanks for His Majesty's benevolent leadership and expressed admiration for His Majesty's Government's efforts in working towards prosperity through economic, religious and cultural progress while preserving social harmony and traditional values.

On behalf of the Diplomatic Missions, the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps also wished His Majesty good health and happiness.

The diplomats profoundly appreciate all the hospitality, graciousness, and friendship that Their Majesties, His Majesty's Government, and the people of Negara Brunei Darussalam, have extended to the diplomatic community.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to receive a gift from the Diplomatic Corps in honor of His Majesty. The diplomats showed their respect for Brunei culture by presenting a painting by a local artist depicting a traditional scene of the water village.

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